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(b) whether there are any seniors to him in the State Medical Service and if so, the circumstances under which their claims were overlooked in making the appointment; and

(c) whether the Madras Public Service Commission was consulted in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) The History of Services, a copy of which is available in the library of the House, will give all the information.

"(b) & (c) Promotions to selection category posts of which the post referred to in the question is one are made on the basis of merit, seniority being taken into consideration only when the merits of the competing candidates are approximately equal. Such promotions within the service are outside the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission and so no reference to it is necessary.

"The Government consider that it is not in the public interest that promotions within the service are discussed in the Legislature."

Abolition of the reserved seats in the City Corporation Council.

* 23 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to State whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to undertake legislation for the abolition of the reserved seats in the Madras City Corporation Council?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"There is no such proposals at present."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW:—"Will the Government consider such a proposal because, as a matter of fact, the Madras Trades Association and the Chamber of Commerce are small bodies with small members and they get a seat in the Council?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"We are not abolishing it and all reservations are there and they will be there as they are."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR:—"May I know whether the Corporation electoral rolls will be revised and brought up-to-date before the elections?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"They must be rearranged according to divisions."

MR. CHAIRMAN:—"The House will now resume general discussion of the Budget."